

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**H. R. _____**

To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend the Budget Control Act of 2011 to require the joint select committee of Congress to report findings and propose legislation to restore the Nation's workforce to full employment over the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENTS TO THE BUDGET CONTROL ACT**
4 **OF 2011.**

5 (a) **TITLE AMENDMENT.**—The title heading of title
6 IV of the Budget Control Act of 2011 (Public Law 112–

1 25) is amended by inserting “, **JOB CREATION,**
2 **AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**” after “**DEFICIT**
3 **REDUCTION**”.

4 (b) ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF JOINT SELECT COM-
5 MITTEE.—Section 401 of the Budget Control Act of 2011
6 (Public Law 112–25) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, Job
9 Creation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit
10 Reduction”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(3) FULL EMPLOYMENT.—The term ‘full em-
13 ployment ’ means a national unemployment rate of
14 not greater than 5.5 percent, as determined by the
15 Bureau of Labor Statistics.”;

16 (2) in subsection (b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, Job
18 Creation, and Economic Growth” after “Deficit
19 Reduction”;

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
22 ing “GOAL” and inserting “GOALS”;

23 (ii) by striking “goal” and inserting
24 “goals”; and

1 (iii) by inserting before the period
2 “and to spur economic growth and restore
3 the Nation’s workforce to full employment
4 over the period of fiscal years 2012 and
5 2013”;

6 (C) in paragraph (3)(A)(i), by inserting
7 “and significantly improve the short-term and
8 long-term employment levels in the United
9 States and spur economic growth” before the
10 period;

11 (D) in paragraph (3)(A)(ii), by striking
12 “reduce the deficit consistent with the goal”
13 and inserting “reduce the deficit and improve
14 employment levels consistent with the goal”;

15 (E) in paragraph (3)(B)—

16 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
17 striking “REPORT” and inserting “RE-
18 PORTS”;

19 (ii) in clause (i)—

20 (I) by striking “and” at the end
21 of subclause (I);

22 (II) in subclause (II), by insert-
23 ing “with respect to deficit reduction”
24 after “subclause (I)”;

1 (III) by striking the period at the
2 end of subclause (II) and inserting a
3 semicolon;

4 (IV) by inserting after subclause
5 (II) the following new subclauses:

6 “(III) proposed legislative lan-
7 guage to carry out such recommenda-
8 tions as described in subclause (I)
9 with respect to job creation measures,
10 which shall include a statement of the
11 job creation achieved by the legislation
12 over the period of fiscal years 2012
13 and 2013.”; and

14 (iii) in clause (iv), by striking “the
15 joint committee report” and inserting
16 “that joint committee report”; and

17 (iv) in clause (v), by striking “vote”
18 and inserting “votes”; and

19 (F) in paragraph (4)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
21 “12” and inserting “16”;

22 (ii) in each of clause (i) through (iv)
23 of subparagraph (B), by striking “three”
24 each place it appears and inserting “4”;
25 and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(F) SUBCOMMITTEE.—The joint com-
4 mittee shall appoint some of its members to a
5 special subcommittee which shall make rec-
6 ommendations to the joint committee on meas-
7 ures to spur economic growth and restore the
8 Nation’s workforce to full employment over the
9 period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013.”.

10 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO EXPE-
11 DITED CONSIDERATION OF JOINT COMMITTEE REC-
12 OMMENDATIONS.—Section 402 of the Budget Control Act
13 of 2011 (Public Law 112–25) is amended—

14 (1) in subsection (a)—

15 (A) by striking “If approved by the major-
16 ity” and all that follows through “section
17 401(b)(3)(B)(iv)” and insert the following:

18 “(1) APPROVED DEFICIT REDUCTION LEGISLA-
19 TIVE LANGUAGE.—If approved by the majority re-
20 quired by section 401(b)(3)(B)(ii), the proposed leg-
21 islative language described in clause (i)(II) of section
22 401(b)(1)(B) and submitted pursuant to clause (iv)
23 of such section”.

24 (B) by adding at the end the following:

25 “(2) JOB CREATION LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE.—

1 “(A) IF APPROVED.—If approved by the
2 majority required by section 401(b)(3)(B)(ii),
3 the proposed legislative language described in
4 clause (i)(III) of section 401(b)(1)(B) sub-
5 mitted pursuant to clause (iv) of such section
6 shall be introduced in the Senate (by request)
7 on the next day on which the Senate is in ses-
8 sion by the majority leader of the Senate or by
9 a Member of the Senate designated by the ma-
10 jority leader of the Senate and shall be intro-
11 duced in the House of Representatives (by re-
12 quest) on the next legislative day by the major-
13 ity leader of the House or by a Member of the
14 House designated by the majority leader of the
15 House.

16 “(B) IF NOT APPROVED.—If no legislative
17 language described in subclause (III) of section
18 401(b)(1)(B)(i) is approved by the vote re-
19 quired by such section, then any such legislative
20 language that was brought to a vote under such
21 section shall be introduced in the Senate (by re-
22 quest) on the next day on which the Senate is
23 in session by the majority leader of the Senate
24 or by a Member of the Senate designated by the
25 majority leader of the Senate and shall be in-

1 introduced in the House of Representatives (by
2 request) on the next legislative day by the ma-
3 jority leader of the House or by a Member of
4 the House designated by the majority leader of
5 the House.”;

6 (2) in subsection (b)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1)—

8 (i) by striking “the joint committee
9 bill” each place it appears and inserting “a
10 joint committee bill”; and

11 (ii) in the last sentence, by striking
12 “the joint committee bill” and inserting
13 “that joint committee bill”;

14 (B) in paragraph (2), in the first sentence,
15 by striking “the joint committee bill” and in-
16 serting “that joint committee bill”; and

17 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “The
18 joint committee bill” and inserting “A joint
19 committee bill”;

20 (3) in subsection (c)—

21 (A) in paragraphs (3) and (4), by striking
22 “the joint committee bill” each place it appears
23 and inserting “a joint committee bill”; and

1 (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “the
2 joint committee bill” the first place it appears
3 and inserting “a joint committee bill”;

4 (4) in subsection (d), by striking “The joint
5 committee bill” and insert “A joint committee bill”;

6 (5) in subsection (e)(1) in the matter preceding
7 subparagraph (A)—

8 (A) by striking “before passing the joint”
9 and inserting “before passing a joint”; and

10 (B) by striking “a joint committee bill”
11 and inserting “a related joint committee bill”;
12 (6) in subsection (f)(2)—

13 (A) by striking “the joint committee bill”
14 the first place it appears and inserting “a joint
15 committee bill”; and

16 (B) by striking “receives the joint com-
17 mittee bill” and inserting “receives the related
18 joint committee bill”;

19 (7) in subsection (f)(3), by striking “the joint
20 committee bill” and inserting “a joint committee
21 bill”; and

22 (8) in subsection (g)—

23 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “, in the
24 case of a joint committee bill that was intro-

1 duced pursuant to subsection (a)(1)” before the
2 semicolon; and

3 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, in the
4 case of any joint committee bill that was intro-
5 duced pursuant to subsection (a)” before the
6 period.

7 (d) TABLE OF CONTENTS AMENDMENT.—In the
8 table of contents in section 1(b) of the Budget Control
9 Act of 2011, the item relating to title IV is amended to
10 read as follows:

“TITLE IV—JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON DEFICIT REDUCTION,
JOB CREATION, AND ECONOMIC GROWTH”.